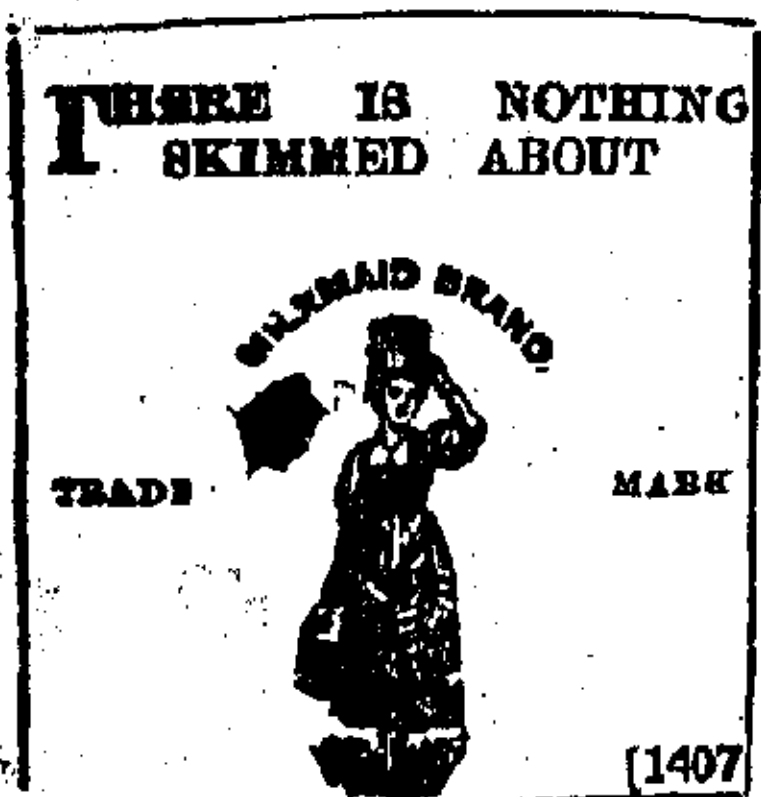




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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18th, 1912.

In a State that is evolving its constitutional procedure, it is difficult to assign correctly the responsibilities and powers of the various parts of the machine of government. These may be, and usually are, beautifully defined on paper, but political practice has a way of differing widely from the theory; one part of a written constitution becomes a dead letter, while the powers conferred in another section of it become extraordinarily exaggerated. For these reasons there may be some uncertainty as to whose is the guiding and controlling hand in recent political appointments in China, though we have little doubt that the PRESIDENT's influence has been paramount in these matters, especially when he has so strong a partisan as CHAO PYNG-CHUN for Prime Minister. But whoever has been the real authority in these appointments, there is one noteworthy feature since YUAN SHIH-KAI's accession to Power—there is a strong tendency to retain in employment or to re-employ officials who had gained experience under the old régime. This in itself raises a strong presumption that the PRESIDENT's is the real deciding voice, and

that the Cabinet and Advisory Council are subservient to him in these matters. There is, too, reason to believe that we shall soon see a much larger number of the old mandarins restored to office; for a recent Presidential Mandate calls on those who are taking refuge in foreign territories and concessions to return to their own homes, and promises pardon to all who are not deserving of punishment. Those who have embezzled public monies and then taken refuge in foreign parts are still to be sought out and made to disgorge their plunder, but the Mandate recognizes that the so-called salaries paid to officials under the Manchus left them no option but to supplement their income out of the public funds, though, of course, it does not put it so bluntly—those who left an empty treasury because of the inadequacy of their own salaries are promised that nothing more will be said about it if they will only come out of hiding. It may, perhaps, be uncharitable to suggest that all this ambiguity is perpetrated to serve its author's own end, but it is evident that not all the fugitive officials are to be welcomed back with open arms, and that some will find it wiser to remain in their sure refuges. At all events, it is fairly certain that, say, SHENG HAVAN-HUI would find it difficult to induce any Tutuh or Civil Administrator to certify that he came under the category "dishonest through force of circumstances" (and in saying this we do not intend to imply that well-founded charges of dishonesty should be laid against the example we have chosen), and in all probability the officials contemplated in the Mandate are Tao-tais and others of lower rank. It may, however, be questioned whether such a large re-employment of evicted officials as the Mandate would appear to contemplate is desirable. At first sight, it would seem that the policy has much to recommend it: it provides an ample supply of men of experience; it smooths over the breach with the past; it prevents the possibility of the dispossessed officials forming cliques that might ultimately become the nuclei of conspiracies against the Republic. On the other hand, we have seen in Turkey the disastrous results of a reformed administration—becoming dependent on the officials of the old régime: the change from the Manchu dynasty to a Republic does not matter a straw to the average Chinese man, except in so far as it comes home to him personally, and if he sees the same officials in office with the same failings (for their nature is not likely to have undergone much change in the course of a year) he will be inclined to say, in the common phrase, "it is a name without reality." At the same time, Young China and the partisans of the revolution will feel a legitimate grievance, for many of them are more able and better trained than the average member of the old mandarin, and, as they would be employed among their own people, as is the rule now, the disadvantage of lack of special experience would be largely discounted, as the old mandarin had absolutely no experience of official duties among his own people. What we question in particular, however, is not whether it is better to employ men of the old school or of the new, but whether it is really necessary or desirable to retain the army of territorial officials—Prefects and Magistrates of various grades—that formed such an essential part of the machine of government under the Manchu and previous dynasties. The "general utility" official of the type of the District Magistrate is out of place in a modern, self-governing State. What China needs is specialists in the various departments of administration—law, finance, education, and so on: the general government and management of affairs in each district would not then present any very onerous tasks, and might well be left in the hands of the people themselves. Local self-government is a thing that the Chinese have always been acquainted with to a certain degree, and all that is lacking is the proper machinery. In a country that is preparing for parliamentary rule this should not prove a serious obstacle, and if the inhabitants of a town were allowed to take part in the actual management of the affairs of their town, it would do far more to convince them of the change of régime than will the elections that are taking place for a Parliament that will sit in Peking and whose acts and deliberations will mean nothing to an immense proportion of the inhabitants of the land.

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Yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board established a record, the proceedings being completed in three minutes.

The Philippine Assembly has approved a bill prohibiting the imposition of taxes on farming machinery in the Philippines.

The remains of the American bluejacket who was killed by falling over a verandah were interred yesterday morning with full naval honours at the Happy Valley.

The Ferris Hartmann Company, who made such an excellent impression on local players on the occasion of their first visit to the Colony, return here next week after a successful season in Manila. They begin on Friday, 27th, and their repertoire includes "A Trip Abroad," "The Girl and the Boy," and "Dream City."

The death took place yesterday at Kowloon Dock of Mr. Charles Fittick, superintendent shipwright, at the age of 39 years. Deceased had been in the employ of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for a considerable number of years, and proved himself a most valued servant. He took a keen interest in sport and was one of the best lawn tennis players in Kowloon. He was a prominent Freemason. Great sympathy is extended to his widow and young family. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Li Sum Ling is rising rapidly to the pinnacle of greatness. A few years ago he was assisting in the management of a Hongkong vernacular newspaper. Mr. Gordon Bennett, the millionaire newspaper proprietor of New York, paid the Colony a visit, and Mr. Li acted as interpreter and guide to him. Taking a great fancy to Li, Mr. Gordon Bennett took him with him to the United States, where he bounded suddenly into fame in connection with the ridiculous advocacy by the *New York Herald* of a formal alliance between the United States and China. Mr. Li Sum Ling figured in the American newspapers as a sort of Unofficial Ambassador, interviewing the President and prominent politicians on the subject of the mission to which Mr. Gordon Bennett had appointed him. No "alliance" eventuated, and the next we heard of Li Sum Ling was from Peking, where he started publishing a newspaper in English. More recently we have heard of him in Manila collecting—or trying to collect—from patriotic Chinese funds to help the Government to do without a foreign loan. Now a Peking telegram announces that Mr. Li Sum Ling has been appointed by President Yuan director of the Government Mint at Canton. We note that Mr. Li is described as "one of the ablest financiers of the Republic." Where he gained his experience we do not know. The Canton Government stands in great need of an able financier, but we doubt if they have found one in Li Sum Ling.

THE CHINESE PRESS AND THE BOYCOTT.

No comment has yet appeared, either in the Hongkong or Canton vernacular papers, regarding the Boycott Prevention Bill. A *pressis* of the Bill has been published in the papers. Apart from this nothing concerning the boycott has recently appeared in the Chinese papers published in Hongkong, but in the Canton papers paragraphs occasionally appear which are evidently intended to foster the boycott. One, for instance, relates that two Chinese ladies on alighting from a car were subjected to abuse by bystanders: something was thrown into their mouths, their dresses were soiled, and the ladies were told that they had no patriotic pride, etc. The story may be true, but it is probably an invention for the purpose of keeping the boycott alive.

DISORDER IN HONGKONG.

According to police reports some parts of the Colony are not quite free from disturbances associated with the bad feeling engendered over the tram boycott. On Monday evening while an Indian picket in charge of a European police officer was in Des Vaux Road near Sincere Company's premises some person threw from a verandah two tins filled with sand at the police.

An alleged charge of intimidation was investigated by Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday. A man and a woman were said to have accosted four excisemen as they were entering a tram with the threat that they would be stabbed if they used the cars. Both defendants denied the allegation, the male defendant asserting that he was in the service of the Singapore police and had procured the banishment of a man who was the friend of the four complainants and they had trumped up this charge out of revenge. His Worship dismissed the defendants.

THE BOYCOTT OF THE RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

A Chinese telegram from Peking states that the Russian Minister has intimated to the Chinese Government that it will be expected to compensate the Russo-Chinese Bank for the losses incurred by the recent boycott.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council is called for to-morrow.

The orders of the day are:—

First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845."

First reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with, or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to provide punishment for certain persons found guilty of adultery or of harbouring Chinese Married Women."

Second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for effecting the final revision and amendment of the Ordinances of the Colony from 1844 to 1912 inclusive before incorporating them in the New Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony."

THE MAGISTRACY.

A Chinese ex-policeman was fined \$150, or two months' imprisonment, for dealing in lottery tickets.

Yesterday Sergeant Jackson prosecuted the owner of a licensed trading junk for removing sand from the foreshore at Tsing Lung Tau. Defendant was fined \$25.

Private Frammery, of the K.O.Y.L.I., was fined \$3 on each of two charges. The charges were of assault on a tram-car conductor and two special constables at Causeway Bay.

Two Chinese were yesterday fined \$100 each for having been in possession of arms and ammunition in a house at Wanchai. P.S. Ogg, who made the arrest, was commended by the Magistrate (Mr. Melbourne).

A. M. Bux, locally known as "Iron Bux," Adam Ismail, and Solomon Moodeen were charged at the Magistracy yesterday with throwing eggs to the danger of persons in Des Vaux Road on Monday night. Ismail pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 and bound over for six months in the sum of \$100, the other two being discharged.

On Monday Inspector Dymond discovered a Chinese walking along Queen's Road West with a parcel which aroused the suspicions of the officer. Examination of the parcel showed that it contained two singlets valued at \$8, which were later identified by an Indian as belonging to him. At the Magistracy yesterday the prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and four hours in the stocks.

FRIGHTENING THE SHARKS.

At the Magistracy yesterday P.S. Thompson proceeded against the master of a fishing junk for being in possession of 35 sticks of dynamite.

Mr. Melbourne (to defendant)—Was the dynamite to be used for fishing?

Defendant—No; we use it for frightening the sharks.

His Worship—Does that frighten the sharks?

Defendant—Yes.

His Worship—Does it make the junk sail any better?

Defendant—Yes.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Following is the report of the Company for the last half-year:—

Gentlemen:—The directors submit to you the annexed statement of the liabilities and assets of the Company, and the profit and loss account for the half-year, ended September 30th, 1912.

The gross profits of the Company for the past half-year amount to 4,944,290 yen, out of which there has been paid:—

Depreciation of the Com- 976,490
Insurance fund 569,889
Ships' structural repair fund 591,842

Yen 2,141,222

leaving a balance of 3,688,012 yen, including 882,944 yen brought forward from the last account.

The directors now propose that 140,153 yen be added to the reserve fund, raising it to 3,448,840 yen, 288,570 yen to the reserve for the annual reduction of subsidies, bringing it to 2,544,890 yen, and 1,300,000 yen to the fund for the extension of services and improvement of the fleet, making that amount to a total of 6,300,000 yen; also that 73,555 yen be allowed as directors' and auditors' fees. From the remainder the directors recommend a dividend at the rate of ten per cent per annum, which will absorb 1,100,000 yen.

The balance, 813,723 yen, will be carried forward to the next account.

BARON REMPEL KONDO,
Chairman.

The report gives a list of the Company's fleet. It shows 79 steamers, with a total tonnage of 324,574. In addition five steamers (aggregating 35,200 tons) were under construction for the Company, and they had two steamers chartered from the State. Including steam launches and tugs, the total tonnage is shown to be 369,907.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, December 17th.

The peace negotiations were opened at St. James' Palace. The most rigorous precautions had been taken by the police. The Turkish delegates arrived first, followed by the Servians, Montenegrins, Bulgarians and Greeks.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, opened the proceedings with a speech. He welcomed the delegates on behalf of the King and the Government, and said—His Majesty trusted that they would find the rooms in the Palace placed at their disposal suitable. Sir Edward believed that they would find in this country an atmosphere of impartiality and calm that would be favourable to their work.

Sir Edward Grey continued—There are difficulties in all negotiations for peace after war. I do not attempt to estimate what these may be in your case, but there can be no nobler task than to overcome these difficulties and to accomplish peace as the result of your own efforts and your own work. In this may you lay foundations on which we trust will be built by true wisdom and statesmanship the prosperity, moral, economic, and national, of your respective countries. Without that statesmanship the gains of war are of little or no worth to future generations. With that statesmanship the losses of war can be repaired and bitterness merged in the realisation of the blessings of peace.

I say no more except to wish you success in your task and to assure you that you have the goodwill of every one in the object for which you are assembled, and that by accomplishing peace you will secure the respect of the whole of Europe.

The chief delegates cordially acknowledged the sentiments of Sir Edward Grey, who was offered and accepted the honorary presidency of the Conference, and then withdrew.

The delegates discussed the procedure to be followed, and decided that the chair be taken alphabetically according to the states. The Conference then adjourned until Tuesday.

SPEECH BY MR. BONAR LAW.

LONDON, December 17th.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Ashton-under-Lyne, said that though he was not a Churchman he described the Welsh Disestablishment Bill as mean. It was

incomprehensible how any one could take funds from a poor church in the name of religion. Referring to the distribution of wealth, he expressed the belief that the co-operative movement was one of the best ways of raising the level of wages, but he believed a fairer fiscal system would help the workers to obtain better results from their labours. Proceeding, he said—If we are entrusted with power we do not intend to impose food duties: we intend to call a conference of the Colonies to consider the whole question of preferential trade. The question of the imposition of food duties does not arise till those negotiations have been completed. If the Colonies do not desire such an arrangement there will be no food duties. If we consider them as non-essential for preference then also they will not be imposed. It is obviously impossible to give details of our intentions till the negotiations are completed. If any readjustment be necessary, I hope it will only touch wheat, but it would be unreasonable to ask the Colonies to meet us if our powers are thus limited. The reason why we objected to the Referendum was because it would be unsafe to the Colonies if as the result of the negotiations to be submitted to the Referendum the Colonies come to the Conference bound and we are free. Mr. Bonar Law concluded by urging the early establishment of a real federal system, the Colonies contributing to the defence of the Empire in proportion to population and sharing in the glory of governing it.

INTERRUPTION OF TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION.

Owing to the interruption (beyond Penang) of normal cable communication with India, etc., telegrams for those parts are being forwarded at present via Saigon-Moulmein to India, Burma, and Ceylon; and via Northern Dioula to the Persian Gulf and to Bushire. Bender Abbas, and Other Places in Persia and to Turkey in Asia (Mainland).

For the same reason telegrams for Europe, via "Eastern," are subject to some delay, but are being dealt with to best advantage.

This interruption accounts for the paucity of our telegraphic news to-day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINA'S DISREGARD OF THE OPIUM AGREEMENT

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong, 16th December, 1912.

Sir,—I have read with much interest your leading article this morning showing that the local Government is at last alive to its sense of duty and taking drastic measures "to put an end to a condition of things which it is impossible to tolerate in a British Colony."

Appropos, I should like to know what "drastic" measures the Imperial Government is going to take against the so-called Chinese Republic who set at defiance the very last Anglo-Chinese Agreement, made on the 8th May, 1911, with the late Manchu Government, regarding the total suppression of the opium trade? As you are aware, one of the articles stipulated that the trade be ended in 1917. Now, within five months of the Agreement, when the Revolution began, it was declared from the house-tops over and over again, and repeated assurances were given to the whole world by the Chinese leaders of the Revolution that they were going to solemnly respect all the treaties made by the Manchu Government previous to the Revolution. But what we now behold is quite the contrary. Not only are they deceiving the British Government, but incidentally the whole of the civilized world. It is revealed that all the time they were not sincere in their promises.

As soon as they came into power they began to put obstacles in the way of the trade by closing the ports to the entry of the Indian certified opium. Not being content with that, the so-called National Assembly resolved that the opium trade will become extinct by the end of 31st December. The consequences to the Indian merchants engaged in the trade may better be imagined than described. The huge sum of £12,000,000 is involved.

Being myself a product of British education and British rule, I firmly believe that the present Chinese Authorities will have a "rude awakening" very soon when the Imperial Government takes the matter seriously into its hands. However, to any mind, it is high time that the Imperial Government should take, not only the Indian merchants, but incidentally the whole civilized world into their confidence, and declare what "drastic" steps they are going to take to insist upon the observance of the Anglo-Chinese Agreement by China. If the present Chinese Authorities succeed in defying, even for a time, the observance of the Agreement the ultimate result will be disastrous not only to the Imperial Government, but to all the Powers who have made treaties with the late Manchu Government.

Millions are spent every year on "dreadnoughts" and "super-dreadnoughts" ostensibly for the protection of the world-wide British Trade. In my humble opinion, some of that protection should be given now to arrest the ruinous losses of the Indian merchants.—Yours, etc.,

X. Y. Z.

CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY IN OUTER MONGOLIA.

THE CRUCIAL QUESTION.

It is common knowledge that our Minister for Foreign Affairs is now in communication with the Russian Minister on the subject of the Russo-Mongolian Convention, says the *Peking Daily News*. While we have no desire to increase the area of controversy in which the pending negotiations are cast, it is not less expedient than necessary to state that there are certain limits beyond which no Chinese Government will dare to go if the peace of the country is to be preserved. The point which must be borne in mind is that, in the present case, the Chinese Authorities lack that liberty and freedom of negotiation which is possessed by Russia: the latter is free to conclude any conceivable agreement respecting Outer Mongolia without endangering, in the slightest degree, her internal peace and stability. The same measure of freedom, however, is not vested in those who are negotiating in the name of China. They have the power and authority to concede certain terms to Russia; but there are others—particularly one—whose concession may involve a grave crisis in the existing Government of the country, with the possibility of developing into an internal situation which may ultimately jeopardize the peace of nations. This is a statement of fact, not of speculation.

The basis of any just and satisfactory adjustment of the abnormal situation which Russia has created in Ku-lun is the continued maintenance of Chinese sovereignty: Mongolia—every part of it—must remain Chinese territory. This is the national resolve; and it would be a grave and serious error if Russia were to ignore or assign it a wrong value in the course of her negotiations with the Chinese Government. We have come to regard Mongolia as a necessary member of the family of races who constitute and form the Chinese Republic; and it is a solution based only on sovereignty—not suzerainty—which can preserve Mongolia as an integral portion of our country. If the *status quo* of the region which is within the ambit of the political control or influence of Ku-lun—the Convention rest on Chinese sovereignty, the settlement of the situation cannot be difficult. By applying to Mongolia the principle of colonial self-government which Great Britain has applied with such success to her great dominions beyond seas, China can easily grant all the political autonomy which Russia desires the Hutukhu or Lama of Ku-lun to enjoy. And on this further basis, many of the other Russian demands can be considered and perhaps adjusted.

"AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

LAST NIGHT'S BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE.

Cast:

The Earl of Caversham, K.G. Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote.
 Lord Goring, Capt. A. Kinnaird-Watson.
 Sir Robert Chiltern, Mr. W. Siegler.
 The Vicomte de Nanjac, Mr. Brandola.
 Mr. M. M. Maas.
 Phipps, Mr. John Robertson.
 Lady Chiltern, Mrs. W. G. Worcester.
 Lady Markby, Mrs. F. Hunter.
 Mabel Chiltern, Miss Main.
 Countess of Basildon, Mrs. W. M. Pyne.
 Mrs. Marchmont, Mrs. Lindsey-Woods.
 Mrs. Cheveley, Mrs. W. Logan.

"Nothing venture, nothing win," was the line of argument evidently followed by the enterprising Amateurs who promoted the production of Oscar Wilde's famous play, "An Ideal Husband," staged at the Theatre Royal last night, for we doubt if a more ambitious venture, in amateur theatricals, has ever been attempted—certainly not in Hongkong.

In the selection of this play they ran two great risks: the risk of failure in presentation and interpretation of the famous author's great work, and the risk of the audience's lack of appreciation of the class of play with its wonderfully brilliant, paradoxical dialogue. Experience has shown us that the Hongkong playgoer prefers musical comedy to a play which might require to be followed carefully and with deep understanding, and it is therefore all the more creditable that last night's audience sat deeply absorbed in the piece and watched its progress with marked interest. Bernard Shaw in his "Dramatic Opinions and Essays" refers to Oscar Wilde as "the only thorough Playwright"; and this in criticism of the play in question when produced at the Haymarket Theatre in 1895. Apart from the brilliant dialogue, which runs through it from start to finish, "An Ideal Husband" appeals to one very largely on account of its "possibility." Unlike a great many plays, there is not a situation that is not possible or indeed that, given the same or similar circumstances, would not occur in every-day life. It dwells on the most wonderful of all gossams, "the Gospel of Gold," the most terrible of all philosophies, the "Philosophy of Power"—the most fascinating subjects that could possibly be expounded to the ambitious, to whom the very idea of possessing power over other men, and the knowledge that only the rich possess it, may influence the most moral, the most honourable, the best of us to sink for the moment to some act of shame in order to reach the goal, and we may possibly have to face the consequences after many years have passed, when we thought our action forgotten.

Such is Sir Robert Chiltern's position, when after many years of an unblemished political life he is suddenly faced with a sin committed in his youth, when he was private secretary to a Cabinet Minister. Yielding to temptation led him to him then by a certain Baron Arnheim he gave the Baron private information—sold a Cabinet secret for money. The letter conveying the information falls into the hands of Mrs. Cheveley, a clever, unscrupulous diplomat, who makes use of it in an attempt to make Sir Robert Chiltern give his public support to a fraudulent scheme she is working. Sir Robert, of course, refuses, but the fatal letter is held up to him and thoughts of degradation, the horrible scandal, the hounding from public life overwhelm him and he is forced to consent.

Lady Chiltern is one of those pure good women who have no knowledge of the world and its ways, and her views on life are consequently very narrow. She cannot conceive the necessity for any action which may not be absolutely above board, and so, later on in the play, when she learns of her husband's youthful folly, she turns from him almost in horror. The knowledge is brought to her in a very powerful situation in which the adventuress, Mrs. Cheveley, denounces Sir Robert Chiltern in his wife's presence, and this is followed by an equally strong scene between husband and wife wherein Sir Robert upbraids her and women generally for setting men up too high; for loving them for their good only. "Why can't you women love us, faults and all?"

In the third Act Lord Goring, Sir Robert's best friend, after philosophizing with his servant, Phipps, has a very amusing interview with his father, the Earl of Caversham, K.G., who insists on his son entering the bonds of matrimony. The Earl is by no means a welcome visitor, because Lord Goring has just received a letter from Lady Chiltern in which she tells him she is coming to him that evening for help and advice, and Goring fears they may meet, a circumstance which, in view of the hour—10 o'clock at night—would be so, what embarrassing. While father and son are in an adjoining room discussing the question of the latter's future, Mrs. Cheveley arrives on the scene and is shown into another room by Phipps, he believing her to be the lady

Lord Goring expects. The Earl takes his leave, and a still more unwelcome visitor appears in the person of Sir Robert Chiltern, who has come round to Curzon Street to talk matters over with his friend.

Lord Goring's position is now, to him, a terrible one. Sir Robert is in his house and every moment he is expecting Lady Chiltern. He calls his servant and instructs him to tell the lady, when she calls, that he has been suddenly called out of town. But it is too late! Phipps explains, "She is in that room, my Lord: you told me to show her into that room." Here's a situation! Husband in one room and wife in another! He must get rid of Chiltern. At that moment Chiltern hears someone in the next room, and the thought that someone may have been listening to his terrible secret maddens him and he forces his way into the room. He returns. "What explanation have you to give me for the presence of that woman here?" he demands.

Goring (believing the person in the room to be Lady Chiltern) swears on his honour that she is stainless and guiltless and Robert leaves him in anger. He goes to the room—the door opens, and lo!—Mrs. Cheveley!

A splendid scene follows in which Lord Goring, by means of bringing home to her the theft of a diamond bracelet, obtains from her Robert Chiltern's letter and burns it, thereby saving his friend from public disgrace. In the last Act Lord Goring has a delightful little love scene with Mabel Chiltern, Sir Robert's sister, but the latter, remembering the previous evening, will not give his consent to the marriage. Explanations follow from Lady Chiltern and all ends happily.

It will be seen that the play abounds with powerful situations, and the fact that they were fully realized reflects splendid credit on the performers. The production and stage-management were in the capable and well-tried hands of Mr. John Robertson, to whom we offer heartiest congratulations on his brilliant presentation.

Mr. Walter Siegler's rendering of Sir Robert Chiltern was one of the finest pieces of acting ever seen on the Hongkong amateur stage. His strong presence, clear voice and ease of movement at once made their mark upon his audience and stamped his work as a well-thought-out and finished performance. As Lord Goring, Capt. A. Kinnaird-Watson, A.S.C., acquitted himself admirably in the very difficult rôle of Oscar Wilde's "Dandy Philosopher," and a little variation in tone of voice in the more serious speeches would put the finishing touch to a clever study. Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote as the crusty old Earl played his part with a keenness and a will; and in the interview with his son in the third Act he was particularly good, never missing an opportunity to score.

Monsieur Brandola put in some very amusing work as the Vicomte de Nanjac—his broken English appealing very strongly to all. Mr. Montford was played with ease by Mr. W. Miskin, and Mr. M. M. Maas rendered the part of Phipps in good style. Mr. John Robertson gave a careful study of Mason, Sir Robert Chiltern's butler. The part of Lady Chiltern was in the hands of Mrs. W. G. Worcester, and we have seldom seen a cleverer interpretation of so difficult a character. When one recalls this talented lady's past performances, "Sophie" in "A Country Girl" and "Peggy" in "Mice and Men," it speaks much for her versatile powers that she should have given such an excellent rendering of the emotional as was witnessed last night. In the part of Lady Markby, Mrs. F. Hunter won the hearts of all with her cheery good-natured chatter, and she supplied a comedy element in a fashion it would be difficult to equal. Miss Main was very pleasing as the light-hearted Mabel Chiltern, and the parts of Lady Basildon and Mrs. Marchmont were well portrayed by Mrs. Pyne and Mrs. Lindsey-Woods respectively. The difficult character of the unscrupulous Mrs. Cheveley was played almost to perfection by Mrs. W. Logan, who fully shared with Mrs. Worcester and Mr. Siegler the honours of the evening.

The mounting of the play was carried out on a most lavish scale and surpasses anything we have seen on the local stage. The scenery was designed and arranged by Mr. Walter Siegler, and executed by Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. who supplied the entire furnishings. Messrs. Wm. C. Jack, Ltd., were responsible for the electric fittings and effects.

The house last night was a crowded one and the audience at the close of each Act accorded the performers the applause their work richly merited.

The next performance of the play takes place to-morrow.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday. Mr. D. W. Tratnam (President) occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonel Irwin, Messrs. Ng Hon Tsz, Chan Kai Ming, Dr. Clark (Principal Medical Officer), and Mr. W. Bowen-Rowlands (Secretary).

CLOSING A WELL.

It was agreed that the owner of a well at No. 398, Shanghai Street, Kowloon, be served with a notice to close the well, the President remarking that there was an abundance of water in Kowloon.

THE POKFULUM CATCHMENT AREA.

A letter from the Government relative to permits for obtaining building materials and turf from the Pokfulum catchment area was read. The letter merely acknowledged receipt of the letter forwarding the resolution of the Board on the subject of the Pokfulum catchment area.

A TEMPORARY MARKET.

The following letter was read from Government:—Referring to your letter of the 20th ult., I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor has sanctioned the erection of a temporary market in Canal Road West. The structure will be of wood, and it will contain six stalls. There is no objection to the issue of a temporary licence in the meantime to sell beef, pork, and vegetables at 123, Wanchai Road.

Mr. Bowley minuted—The Government has no control over the issue of licences for the sale of food under section 77. The statement that they have "no objection" is therefore superfluous.

DEATH RATE.

The death rate for the month of November, according to the returns submitted, was 16.8 per 1,000 for the civil population and 16.4 for the whole Colony, the population of which is estimated at 375,000.

CHINA'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.**STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT.**

In the National Council recently the Government delegate, in introducing the Public Loan Bill, said that since the Revolution the country's financial difficulties had reached a climax and that the revenue was insufficient to cover the expenditure. Also, a big loan had not matured and, therefore, a domestic loan was necessary. The amount proposed was two hundred million dollars, thirty millions of which were intended for the establishment of a central bank, fifty millions to redeem Provincial notes and to reform generally Provincial note issues. In this connection it is important to know that the Ministry of Finance's investigations show that the late Government issued ninety-six million dollars worth of notes, while fourteen provinces issued during the Revolution fifty-four millions worth, thus leaving thirty millions available for reforms. The Bill consists of 16 articles, and after the first reading had been passed it was referred to a committee. The National Council also passed the first reading of a Bill for permitting the police to use arms, which is based upon the ordinary Occidental system, and also the first reading of a Bill dealing with the operation of Martial Law, which provides that the President may proclaim martial law, or cause it to be proclaimed, in time of war or any other extraordinary troubles, throughout the whole country or in any part of the country. A member contended that a clearer definition of martial law was essential, as the purpose of martial law was to protect the lives and property of the people. Liang Hsiao Siu stated that this was a wrong interpretation of the purpose of martial law, which was intended temporarily to suspend the Constitution and give the Government exceptional authority. An interesting debate followed resulting in no alteration being made to the Bill.

The Minister of Finance asserts his ability to pay the whole of the Boxer indemnity up to the 1st January next without further assistance. He includes, however, in the funds at his disposal for this purpose the remaining instalment of the Crisp Loan.

CHINESE END BOYCOTT ON THE RUSSIAN BANK.

The boycott by Chinese of the Russo-Asiatic Bank has ceased, apparently owing to the proclamations issued by the police, pointing out the uselessness of the proceeding, which injured Chinese business more than Russian. Deposits are again being paid in at Peking, Tientsin and Chefoo, where a number of speculators purchased many notes at a considerable discount during the boycott.

The Asiatic Daily News publishes what is alleged to be a telegram of three thousand words from Dr. Sun Yat Sen to President Yuan Shih-k'ai, advocating the formation of an army of fifty millions for the purpose of defeating the Russo-Mongolian combination. The army would be divided into five forces and would undoubtedly reach St. Petersburg within five years. As regards the cost of its upkeep, the circulation of paper money for a period of five years is advocated and, meanwhile, that there should be a complete withdrawal of metal money, which would be used exclusively for military expenditure. According to Chinese circles, President Yuan Shih-k'ai has replied asking a number of questions as to how to withdraw from circulation the metal coins, etc.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE WAR.

BY W. PATT RIDGE.

James Taylor, conductor of motor-omnibus London Bridge to Kilburn, speaking, amid frequent interruptions, said:

"Never have no time to look at the papers. On the go from early morn to dew" eve, in a manner of speaking, and what I know about the affair is gained partly from the placards, partly from what I overhear when I'm collecting fares. Since you ask the question, I'm on the side of the poor old Turks. In former times I've thrown the weight of my influence into the opposite scale, but in the present instance I'm backing them up. It's like this! Supposin' you and me was having a scrap together, and you was getting somewhat the worst of it; how would you like it if some of your next door neighbours with a grievance against you seized the opportunity to come and challenge you, and try to push your face in? In my opinion, it ain't fairplay, or anything like it. Of course, I know that me being in a public position, I ought not to express an opinion. Only the last journey two passengers on top asked me which side I was on, and because I told them they threatened to report me for insolence. But you can take it that the first time I see on the placards, 'Frightful Victory of the Turks,' I shall slip off at the terminus and stand myself a modest half-pint."

Mr. Muirhead, occupying two seats in second-class compartment, by 5.28 p.m. train Cannon-street to Addiscombe, said: "I place absolutely no dependence on what I read in the newspapers. I very much doubt whether they have really sent any correspondents out at all. These wires and cables are generally made up in Fleet Street. I want to get at the truth before I express an opinion. Shan't believe anything until I know of my own personal knowledge that Salonica—'I say Salonica. Think I don't know how to pronounce a simple word like that? Look here! How do you pronounce C-o-t-t-i-n-i-e? (Several shouts heard) Well (triumphantly) permit me to inform you that you're all wrong. A friend of mine who spent his holidays at Ostend last summer assures me that the proper way, although very few people are aware of it—'General tumb!'"

Miss Harlens, engaged at Wills & Lumley's emporium: "I think every Englishman under twenty-five ought to be trained as a soldier. Yes, I mean it, and girls ought to be trained as nurses. We women are more sensible than we used to be, now that there's a chance of our getting the vote, and I think it's a shame the way they treat Lord Roberts. If war broke out with us the Government would be going to him on bended knees praying him to help. I've got a comfortable home and a good mother near Wandsworth Common, and I don't want to lose them; I'm sorry if I haven't said what you expected me to say, but I've told you what I think, only I haven't said it quite as I wanted to."

Mr. Abramovitch, hairdresser, City-road, E.C.:

"What we English ought to do is simply to—"
 Mr. Jameson, inspector at L.B. and S.C. suburban station: "I read every word of it. I don't miss a single syllable. The missus says when I get off duty and arrive home, 'Well, Duffer, how's this war of yours getting on?' and I start to tell her, but she soon gets fed up with it. The missus likes a good breach of promise, or else a murder. I've had to promise to take her to Eastbourne next year. But, personally, I'm sorry for the Turks. They don't seem to have a dog's chance, somehow. A sober lot, too, so I understand; it goes to prove what I've always argued, that something in the way of a tonic now and again does harm to no one. Can't help wishing I was out there just to give old Nazim a taste of a word or two of advice. Look here! Supposin' that drolly over there is Constantinople. Supposin' these four hand-lamps are Bulgaria and the rest. Now what the trolly ought to do is to lure 'em on. See what I mean? Send out a few troops just to pretend—kind of sham fight, you understand—and then, when they all come to about here where this brass bell is,—Biff! That's the way to carry on a fight. The great thing—believe me or not, just as you like—the great thing in a war is to defeat the enemy. Here's your train just coming in."

Ex-Councillor Chilworth, Homersham Road, N.E., said:—
 "Been speaking a good deal just lately on certain subjects and my mind has been occupied with other matters. There's a lot of what I call hanky-panky going on in Word No. 5; secret force have been at work and the result you see for yourself. If the borough doesn't want the assistance of public-spirited men, why, there's an end of it, so far as I'm concerned. The wife's somewhat upset about it, but I don't care a hang; in fact, I'm jolly glad to be off the Council. Only that I mean to have my revenge on one or two of 'em, and I'm making up now a letter to send to the local paper that won't half make them scream. Agnostic, they called me. Well, why can't I be an Agnostic if I like? I'm perfectly well aware I've spoke in Victoria Park Sunday afternoons, and— You want to know what I think about the war? Now I must think a bit before deciding. First of all, what do these so-called Turks worship? Allah, isn't it, or something of the kind? Well, I'm against them. I'm against them and I hope they'll get jolly well swept off the face of the earth. That's the best I wish 'em. And I hope the same thing'll happen to the new borough council. And every body else! I'm sick and tired of the whole caboodle. Seems to me the sooner I snuff out and go to 'eaven the better!"

George Edward Mann, St. Pancras, N.W.:

"Can't look on it as some people do, and I'll tell you why. I was out in South Africa, and that's what makes me 'oble a bit when I walk; perhaps you've noticed. I was under General Gatacre—remember his name, don't you?—and there was about three thousand of us at the start, with two batt'ries of field

artillery, and it was as black as your hat when we set out from Moltone—but it's all forgot and done with, and there's only a few of us that recollect. Time wipes it out much the same as a piece of indiarubber. Only I watch people read their morning papers as they go through the square—one fell over a ladder doing it the other day. I nearly laughed—and they look excited and rather pleased, and the more killed and wounded there are. And I might enjoy it myself, and I don't say it isn't interesting to see these little countries making a dash for a big one, and I follow it on the map, but all the time when I read about troops retreating in disorder and so forth, it calls up as making our way back after Stormberg, and I s'pose we was a bit demoralised, and—It ain't a pretty business, war. You'll excuse me now, won't you, but these falling leaves and these rainy nights do give me broom something to do, keeping the roadway clean."

Master Sydney Banks, pupil in Standard III. of London County Council schools:—

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ORIGIN OF THE FILIPINOS.

TRACED FROM PREHISTORIC AGES.

An interesting paper, originally read before the Philippine Academy, has just come from the hands of the printer, and is receiving considerable attention from those interested in Philippine history, remarks the *Manila Times*. This is the "Origin of the Malayan Filipinos," by Dr. Najeeb M. Saleeby, one of the best informed students of the subject.

He traces the race from prehistoric times to the present, his knowledge of Asiatic and dead languages assisting to a great extent in the research. The Tagalogs, says Father Chirno, had a tale to the effect that the first man and woman were twins who developed inside of a joint of bamboo which opened of itself, and let them out. Similar fables exist among the Samal, Magindanao and Lanao Moros, also among the tribes of Luzon, Borneo, and the Malay peninsula.

The traditions and legends of the primitive tribes of the Philippine islands show very clearly that their forefathers arose in this land, and that they have been here ever since creation. They further say that the coast tribes and foreigners came later and fought them, and took possession of the land which they occupy at present. When Masha'ika, the earliest recorded immigrant, reached Sulu island the aborigines had already developed to such a state of culture that they had large settlements along the coast, and datus or rajahs. These aborigines are often referred to in Sulu and Mindanao as Manubus. Manubus means those who grew up.

Traditions of a deluge that threatened to exterminate the race are met with in Mindanao and Luzon, and probably in all the islands. In Mindanao the people, who were saved from destruction by Indra Batara, were hiding on Mt. Bitia, the highest peak in Moro territory. Indra Batara is the most prominent figure in Moro mythology, and is also the Hindu king of the heavens. He, in Moro belief, is the great raja who moves in the air with the swiftness of lightning.

The Samal form the last tribe that immigrated into the Philippines. Their traditions plainly state that they left the coast of Johore and settled in Sulu and Mindanao. The most typical of this tribe now inhabit the island of Basilan, off the west coast of Mindanao, and all of the Sulu islands. They still migrate and travel east and west between Sulu and Borneo and the Malacca Straits.

The Malayan Filipinos of to-day present three distinct classes. The pagan, or hill tribes, the Christians, the most civilized Filipinos, and the Moros. At first sight, the difference between these classes seems to be so immense that we wonder whether they have anything in common. The hill tribes must have been primitive from the beginning, and remained unaffected by foreign influence.

The better culture of the coast people indicates a radical difference in the character of the two classes, and could not have been acquired in this land. They must have grown up under different circumstances, and been trained under better conditions. These conditions could not have existed in this land and therefore must have existed elsewhere. They, therefore, must have been the latter immigrants who overpowered the primitive occupants of the coast and lowlands.

The development of the Malayan Filipino, therefore, must have passed through four stages. The first was the prehistoric era, marked by the hill tribes and primitive culture. The second was the commercial era, marked by a Hindu-Malayan culture, and represented by the pagan coast tribes of Mindanao, the Bisayas, and Luzon. Bisayas, in Hindu, meant slave. The third is the firearms era, which is marked by a Mahomedan culture, and is represented by the Moro tribes; and the fourth is the Spanish era, marked by Christian culture. This last era dated from Spanish occupation, or 1565. The third era dates as far back as 1500 A.D., the approximate time of the arrival of Mahomedan missionaries and princes in Sulu. The second era, it may be said, began in western Malaysia in the fourth century, A.D., and we may reasonably suppose that it reached the coast of the Philippines not later than the fifth century. The first era must have begun a long time before the second, possibly about 1500 B.C.

It is a fact worthy of note that the famous epics and Vedic hymns of ancient India are recognised, though in a crude form, in the song-lore of Mindanao. These songs are taboos by the devout Mahomedans, and are not learned or recited by the panditas, or priests. They are best known around Lake Lanao, where the Moros are most exclusive in their habits and intercourse, and where foreign communications have been almost entirely cut off.

They could not have been brought into the country after the 15th century and are necessarily relics of a former era and previous worship. The worship of the Vedic gods was not restricted to the tribes that were afterward Mahomedanised, but exists at present among the hill tribes of Mindanao, and must have been very common among the ancient Bisayas and Tagalogs of Luzon.

There is no evidence of castes in the Philippines people, either in coast or hill tribes, nor has Brahma been mentioned, nor is there any evidence that either Brahminism or Buddhism ever reached the Philippines, but many of the gods of the ancient belief are identical with the Hindu gods.

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Shanghai, 16th December, 1912. [1418]

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Lacini, Derflinger, Hector, Indranti,
Jason, Kleist, Althaus, Maru, Miyasaki,
Maru, Pothan, Priam, Armenta,
Rutherglen, 20th—Indranti, Nereus,
Sachsen, Yunnan, Glenfarg, Kankin,
21st—Agamemnon, Suna, Den of
Glamis, Magellan, Nereus, 22nd—3rd
Bentwaters, Glenloch, Candia, Indranti,
Specie, Glenloch, Kansas, 6th—Dumbear,
Jenerie, Kankin, Maru, Montrose, P. E.
Frederick, Kankin, Ludwig, Telemachus,
Arcadia, Indranti, 10th—Carmarthen,
Ardre, Kankin, Maru, Kober, Nyansa,
Dumbear, Trian, Ruykraj, 13th—
Bentwaters, Lochan, Pileus, Sardinia,
Paul, Local, Loonodon.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 13th—Kinko Maru, Prin-
ces, Friedrich.

"INDIA SILVER SCANDAL"

STARTLING PROBLEM IN RATES OF INTEREST.

Under these headings the London Daily
Express of the 14th ult. says:—

If the Unionist members who are press-
ing the Government to throw light on the
mysterious financial methods of the India
Office succeed in bringing about a reform
of the systems now practised, they will
have done a valuable service on behalf of
the Indian taxpayer.

The grave complaint has been made
that large balances of Indian money,
which might be in India, stimulating
trade, are held in London, and are lent
to private firms at 2½ per cent. On the
other hand, the India Office this year,
with millions on loan at this rate, bor-
rowed money at 3 per cent.

A study of the personalities in these
transactions is instructive. The two
English members of the Council of the
Secretary of State for India, who are
not Indian Civil Servants, are those
eminent Free Trade bankers, Mr. Laurence
Currie and Sir Felix Schuster.

Mr. Laurence Currie is one of the
principal partners in the great firm of
Glyn, Mills, & Currie, of Lombard-street.
Messrs. Glyn, Mills, & Currie have
now on loan from the India Office—
according to an answer in last week's
parliamentary papers—no less than
£1,500,000.

Sir Felix Schuster is Governor of the
Union of London and Smith's Bank.
The Union of London and Smith's Bank
has now on loan from the India Office
£1,250,000.

Lord Incheape (formerly Sir James
Mackay), who, until July last, was a
member of the India Council, is a
director of the National Provincial Bank.
The National Provincial Bank has
now on loan from the India Office
£1,300,000.

Mr. E. S. Montagu is Under-Secretary
of State for India. His family control
the firm of Samuel Montagu & Co.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. have
on loan from the India Office £1,050,000.
Nobody has ever questioned the integ-
rity of any of these gentlemen, or ever
suggested that any of the transactions
between the India Office and the firms
with which they are connected were in
the slightest degree open to suspicion, or
were entered into in any but the ordinary
course of business.

THE PRINCIPLE.
The point which Mr. Rupert Gwynne
and other Unionist members who have
taken an interest in the question want
to emphasise is that the principle of
gentlemen in their capacity as members of
the India Council lending public funds
to themselves in their other capacity of
directors of great banking institutions
is contrary to the established standards
of English political life.

Mr. Harold Baker, in the House of
Commons, has explained that Sir Felix
Schuster is chairman of the Finance Com-
mittee of the India Office, and draws a
salary in this capacity, and also that the
Secretary of State has approved the
"deposit" of Indian money in banks
with which members of the India Council
are connected.

This, however, is quite beside the point,
and only emphasises the bureaucratic
methods employed at the India Office,
which are working so adversely against
the people of India.

The following questions put down by
Mr. Gwynne appeared on the notice
paper of the House of Commons yester-
day:—

To ask the Under-Secretary of State
for India if he will lay upon the table a
copy of the contract with Messrs. Samuel
Montagu & Co. for the purchases of
silver, and a copy of the terms on which
they were instructed to purchase.

To ask the Under-Secretary of State
for India, if he will state what security
was given by Messrs. Samuel Montagu
& Co. in respect of the sum of £1,050,000
lent to them this year out of the cash
balances of India; and to what extent, if
any, the security was registered or
inscribed.

To ask the Under-Secretary of State
for India if he will give the names of the
sellers from whom purchases of silver
were made by Messrs. Samuel Montagu
& Co. on behalf of the Government,
with the amount, the price and the date
in each case during the present year.

To ask the Under-Secretary of State
for India if his attention has been drawn to
the fact that no private firm, except
Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co., has
been lent so much as £1,000,000 or up-
wards from the Indian cash balances and
gold standard reserve during the years
1911 and 1912, was this exceptional
amount lent to them because they paid
a higher rate of interest than other
borrowers; what was the average rate of
interest paid by them in each year; and
what other financial advantage, if any,
accrued to the public of India from this
transaction.

ATHLETES LIGHT AND HEAVY.

Dr. Felix Regnault, in a recent study,
divides into two classes the different kinds
of muscularity and temperament observ-
able among professional athletes and
others who earn their living by physical
exertion. One of them consists of navvies,
dockers, farm labourers, and professional
strong men such as wrestlers and heavy-
weight boxers, whose muscles are hard
even when at rest, and who have, as a
rule, coarse skins, thick bones, and rather
clumsy joints. The other type has soft
muscles, fine skins, small bones, and
delicate joints, and is generally found
among sprinters, fencers, light-weight
boxers, and others who depend more upon
agility and quickness of motion than
upon brute force for their feats of
strength. The difference between the two
is shown by the dynamometer, or grip-
ping-machine, with which workers of the
heavier type can do little, while those of
the lighter sometimes show on it a force
which corresponds to an incredible num-
ber of foot-pounds. Dr. Regnault attrib-
utes this to the fact that the latter class
expend nervous energy as well as
muscular, which explains the observation
of Galen that gladiators generally make
bad soldiers, their expenditure of nervous
energy rendering them unfit to support
the hardships of a campaign.

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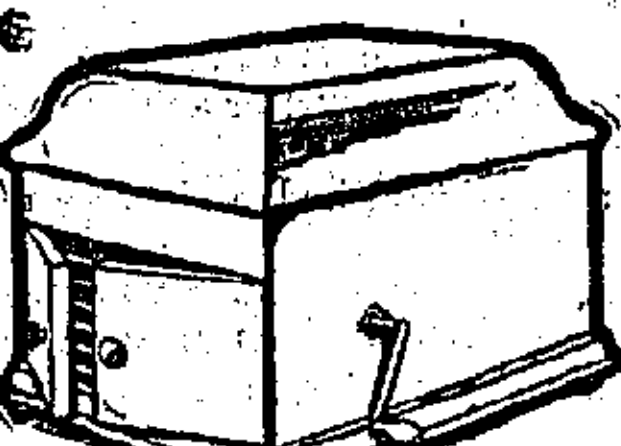
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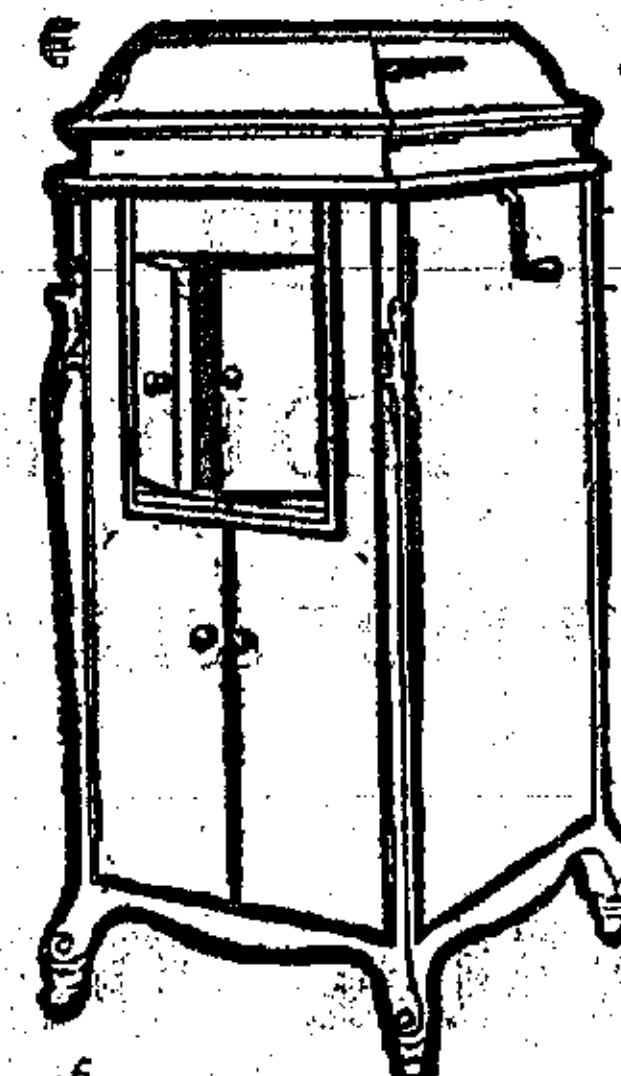
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 17th at 12.30 p.m.—Pressure has
increased considerably over Japan, and
moderately from Weihaiwei to Vladivostok.
The anti-cyclone is now central over Korea
and S.W. Japan.

Pressure has decreased moderately over
central China and along the coast from
Shanghai to Hainan. It has decreased
slightly over Formosa, the Philippines and
Amam.

Variable winds and squally weather may be
expected along the E. coast of China, and
over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at
10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Hongkong & Neighbourhood	North winds; strong.
Formosa Channel	South coast of China between [The same as Hongkong and Lamook]. No. 1.
South coast of China between [The same as Hongkong and Hainan]	No. 1.

• NE. or variable winds, moderate, squally; overcast, drizzling rain or mist.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CHIYO MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU
JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

THE above-named Steamer having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on Wed. 18th
inst., at 5 P.M., will be landed at Con-
signees' risk and expense and delivery must be
taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
No Claims will be recognised after the Goods
have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered on MONDAY, the 23rd
inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and
landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to
be left on board or Godown, and examination of
same to be held on 23rd inst.

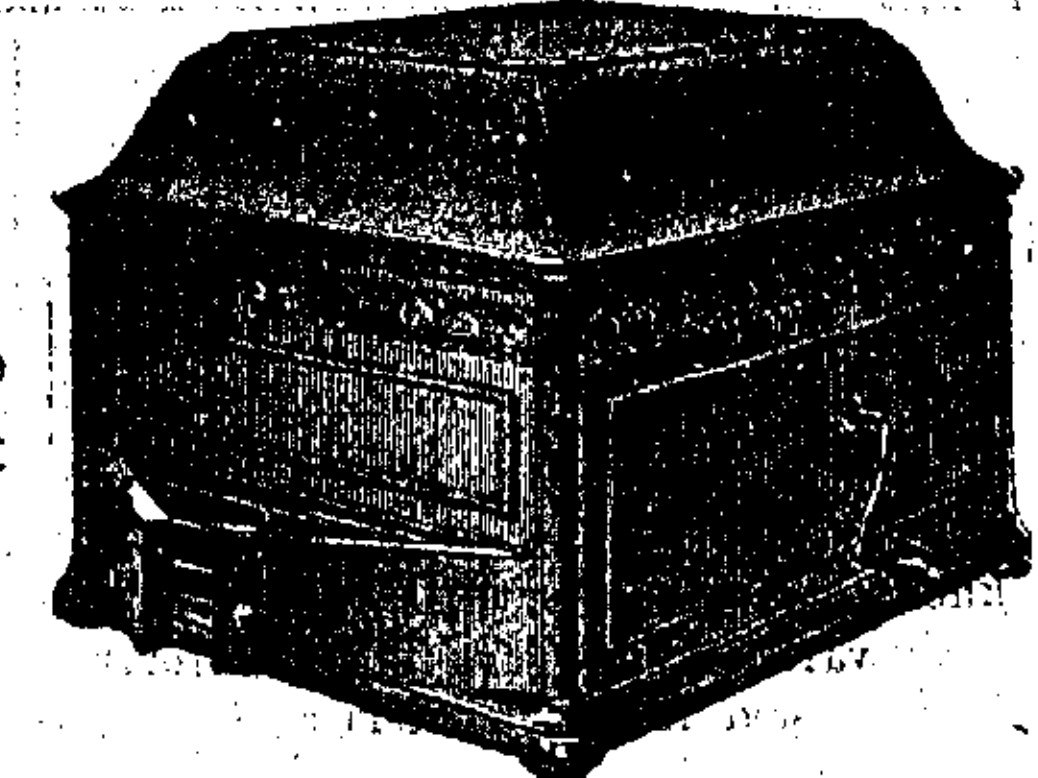
All Claims must be filed on or before 30th
inst., otherwise they will not be recognised.

S. MORIMOTO,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1912. [1420]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"KLEIST,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the hazard-
ous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Ltd., Kowloon, and West Point
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before NOON TO-DAY requesting it to be landed
here.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th Dec. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 20th Dec., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th
Dec., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.

This steamer brings Cargo:—

Ex s.s. "Onesolo" from Venice via Port
Said.

Ex s.s. "Barberigo" from Venice via Port
Said.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1912. [6]

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SAMBIA,"
Captain F. Buch, having arrived, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are
being landed and placed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained
against Bills of Lading countersigned by the
Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice
to the contrary be given TO-DAY.

All Claims must be presented within ten days
of the steamer's arrival here, after which date
they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 19th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be
examined on the 19th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

This Steamer brings on Cargo:

Ex s.s. "August" from Stettin.

Ex s.s. "Bismarck" from Stettin.

Ex s.s. "Earl" from Abus.

Ex s.s. "Trelleborg" from Abus.

Ex s.s. "Norge" from Göteborg.

Ex s.s. "Passinge" from Copenhagen.

Ex s.s. "Kong Rieg" from Christiania.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1912. [1413]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"NOVARA,"

Arrived Hongkong on 14th December, 1912.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk into the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consign-
ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and
delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary within
6 hours.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including
date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees
and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD
and DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAY
and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's arrival here,
after which date they cannot be recognised.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

H. W. D. SHALLARD,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1912. [1]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "LOVAT."

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, GLASGOW,
LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th
prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 20th inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1912. [1421]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst. at 6 P.M.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 9.30 A.M.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented
within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will
not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1912. [59]

ROMANCE OF HAIR.

SICILIAN GIRL'S FORTUNE.

"One hair of a woman can draw more than a hundred pair of oxen." So wrote Howell some three centuries ago, and his opinion would seem to hold good at the present day. It is, of course, common knowledge that beautiful human hair is very valuable, but for a small fortune to be vested in one head is quite exceptional.

To a young Sicilian girl Nature has been almost prodigal in her liberality. She was possessed of a head of hair that was the envy of every woman in the island. Not only was it remarkable for a generous abundance, but the perfect black colour and graceful waviness were commented on by all who saw her. Many gentlemen of position and wealth offered to escort her to the theatre for the sake of being seen in the company of one who was so gracefully adorned; but Sicilian etiquette in such matters is somewhat severe, and so the signorina remained under the watchful guidance of her parents in a little village outside Palermo. There she revelled in the sunshine, amidst groves of oranges and lemons, helping at times to gather the crop, and even occasionally using an old-fashioned press to make olive oil.

Quite unexpectedly there appeared one day a well-dressed stranger whose accent at once disclosed to be a Neapolitan. What could be his mission? At first he spoke of lemons, oranges, prickly pears, and so forth, it being the custom in those parts never to get to the point without a certain amount of irrelevant preamble.

At length he ventured, "Would you like to sell me your hair?" The reply was quickly forthcoming, with a laugh, "Yes, if you will give me 100,000 francs." It was a high price, nearly £4,000, but the dealer from Naples was prepared to pay even that figure for the unique head of hair, and eventually expressed his willingness to put down the money and take out his scissors.

There was much discussion before the girl consented. Her parents hesitated a little; numerous relations and friends, including the parish priest, were consulted, and eventually 100,000 francs were paid over, and the Sicilian beauty was tearfully bereft of her crowning glory. With a keen commercial instinct she wished her head would produce a crop twice or thrice a year like her father's lemon trees; but it is doubtful if ever the hair will grow again to its original length.

Considerable business is done in Sicily in the purchase and export of hair. Many of the poor peasantry are blessed with beautiful tresses, which they turn into money. As a rule a woman is content to be shorn for about £5 or £6; anything above that figure being considered out of the ordinary; the case under notice constituting a record. Nevertheless, the episode is unquestionably genuine, and is attested by several reliable witnesses, including a gentleman of high repute at Palermo who holds a consular position. What became of his particular lot has been kept a profound secret. It is highly improbable that any one purchaser could wear so large a quantity of hair that was not to use a simple phrase, "home-grown."

AMERICA'S DEMAND.

Dealers and their agents parade the streets and market places of Sicily offering money for hair of good saleable quality. Combing are sometimes bought at five francs a kilo, and one frequently hears the cry "two to three francs a rotolo." A rotolo is the equivalent of 800 grammes. Ladies who wish to estimate the value of their combings, and have a fondness for arithmetic, may base their calculations on the fact that the gramme represents 16.432 grains, 437.5 grains being the equal of one ounce avoirdupois. The competition to secure good Sicilian hair is very keen. Most of it is shipped to America, after having been carefully selected and graded according to recognised standards of length, colour, and waviness. It is neatly packed in tresses and sealed in tin-lined cases, which in turn are stowed on board ship beneath heavy cargo to minimise the possibility of theft.

THE SLEEP OF THE YOUNG.

Sir James Crichton-Browne read a paper on "Brain Rest" at an educational conference at Tunbridge Wells. He said that the belief was current that a boy wearied with mental work would find recuperation in cricket or a cycle run, but that was bad physiology. Gymnastics were not restorative where there was mental fatigue. Some 30 years ago he published a table showing the average amount of sleep required by children at different ages, and, looking over that table in the light of further experience, he would amend it in only one particular. Instead of allowing 12 hours' sleep to six years of age, he conceded 13. To his other estimates he would adhere, giving as a minimum 11 hours' sleep to children from 14 to 17, 9½ hours to youths or maidens from 17 to 21, nine hours to young men and women from 21 to 27, and eight hours to all at later stages.

He had seen painful instances of the immediate effects of insufficiency of sleep in highly-strung, sensitive boys at public schools, and it was not only in public schools that the evils of deficient brain rest were encountered. The rest-cures of which they now heard so often had, he fancied, in many cases to be undertaken merely to make up the arrears of sleep in early years. The sleep of the rising generation was being detrimentally interfered with, and the consequences must be a rich crop of neurotic and mental enfeeblement in the future. Enormous numbers of young children lived under conditions which made a sufficiency of brain rest of the right sort impossible. They got but snatches of adulterated sleep with no brain nourishment in it, and went to school in the morning unrefreshed, the despair of the teacher and a reproach to our civilisation.

HISTORIC MEMORIALS IN INDIA.

Lord Curzon of Kedleston writes to the *Times* of October 28th:—At the present time, when there is an awakened sense of public duty about the preservation of the memorials of the past, when the houses that have been made famous by great men are bought by public bodies and carefully preserved for future generations, and when a Parliamentary Committee is inquiring by what methods we may best prevent the destruction or alienation of our ancient monuments in this country, it is with a pang of no ordinary regret that some of us will have read the following passage in a recent number of the *Calcutta Statesman*—

Hastings House, the Government of India's guest-house at Alipore, will in a few days be denuded of all its furniture, and then the house itself is to be put up for sale so that in a very short time another of the public institutions of Calcutta will have disappeared. The sale of the furniture and effects of the house "on account of his Majesty's Indian Government and under instructions from the Registrar, Foreign Department," began yesterday, and there was a very large attendance of both Europeans and Indians. Lord Curzon bought Hastings House for the accommodation of guests of the Supreme Government, and it continued to be used as such during Lord Minto's Viceroyalty. Most of the ruling princes of India have stayed there, and other guests have included the Ameer of Afghanistan and the Dalai Lama, who was the last official guest.

All that the *Statesman* says is true; but it did not add—that is known to everybody in Calcutta though it may not be equally familiar here, and what constitutes the real poignancy of the tale—that this Hastings House, which I bought for Government in 1901 when it was about to be offered for sale and the grounds about it cut up for building purposes, was the "garden house" which was built by Warren Hastings shortly before his marriage, in about the year 1776, and which he constantly described as the "New House." There he lived in happiness with his second wife for six and a half years, the most adoring of lovers with the most devoted of women; there he entertained at week-ends the *élite* of Calcutta society and the young members of the Civil Service fresh from the Interior; and from there were written some of his most passionate love-letters to "his Marian" after she had sailed for England in January, 1778. It was because of these personal associations that I rescued and acquired the place.

Calcutta is not an old city, and it contains few buildings with a history of over 150 years. But that this house, which is by far its most interesting possession, and which was both the creation and the residence of the greatest man whom England ever sent out to govern India, should, after being recovered and restored, and surrounded with a garden of great beauty, fall again under the auctioneer's hammer, by the action of Government itself, and have to take its chance in the future, as an item in the price which Calcutta must pay for her own deodiment, is indeed sad. I impute no blame, because the circumstances then render the sale necessary are unknown to me. But I write this letter because I know no other means of appealing to the public conscience in India or in England, by which alone such misfortunes can be prevented.

Mr. G. W. Forrest, C.I.E., writes to the *Times* of October 30th:—Sir—Some seventeen years ago I wrote as follows:—"Not far from the spot where the famous duel between Warren Hastings and Francis took place stands Hastings House. It is fast crumbling into ruin, but it should be purchased by Government, repaired, and converted into a public institution. It was the favourite residence of the man whose far sight first saw, and whose brave and confident patience realised, the romantic idea of his country founding an empire in the East. When he returned to England he always remembered with fond affection the house at Alipore, the paddocks in which he bred his Arab horses, and the grounds which he planted with rare trees from all parts of Asia. On the bank of the Thames he erected a house after the model of his home at Alipore, and when he retired to Daylesford he laid out the grounds after the fashion of his Indian country seat. 'Alipore was dear to him because there he spent the best years of his life, with the woman for whom he had an unbounded love and admiration. There was not such another being in the world. As long as she was by his side, nothing could come amiss to him; the cares and fatigues of the day made no impression on his spirits. When the state of her health had laid him under the stern necessity of sending her to England he wrote:—'I miss you in every instant and incident of my life, and everything seems to wear a dead stillness around me. I come home as to a solitude.' After she had gone he cared not to dwell at Alipore and he determined to sell the property."

When Lord Curzon entered on his exalted office, he at once with the zeal of a good patriot and the imagination of a statesman, overcame many grave obstacles and purchased Hastings House as a State-guest-house for the chiefs and Princes of India. The removal of the seat of Imperial Government to Delhi may delay the necessity of a State guest-house, but it would hardly justify such an act of vandalism as the demolition of the house and the destruction of the beautiful grounds. The city of Calcutta is a splendid monument of the patience, courage, and genius of the Anglo-Saxon race. The history of British dominion in India—the most marvellous romance of our country—may be traced in its buildings, statues, and inscriptions. These memorials of the brave and wise men who have bequeathed to England an empire are sacred trusts, and they must be carefully preserved by the State. No greater respect could be shown to Warren Hastings, the founder of the empire, than preserving the mansion he built and loved. Iliffe, Oxon, October 28th.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The A.L. str. *Africa* left Shanghai for this port on the 16th December, and will arrive here on the 19th December, a.m. The I.G.M. str. *Kleist*, which left here on the 15th December, arrived at Shanghai on the 16th December, at 4 p.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th November, left Colombo on the 15th December, p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th December, p.m.

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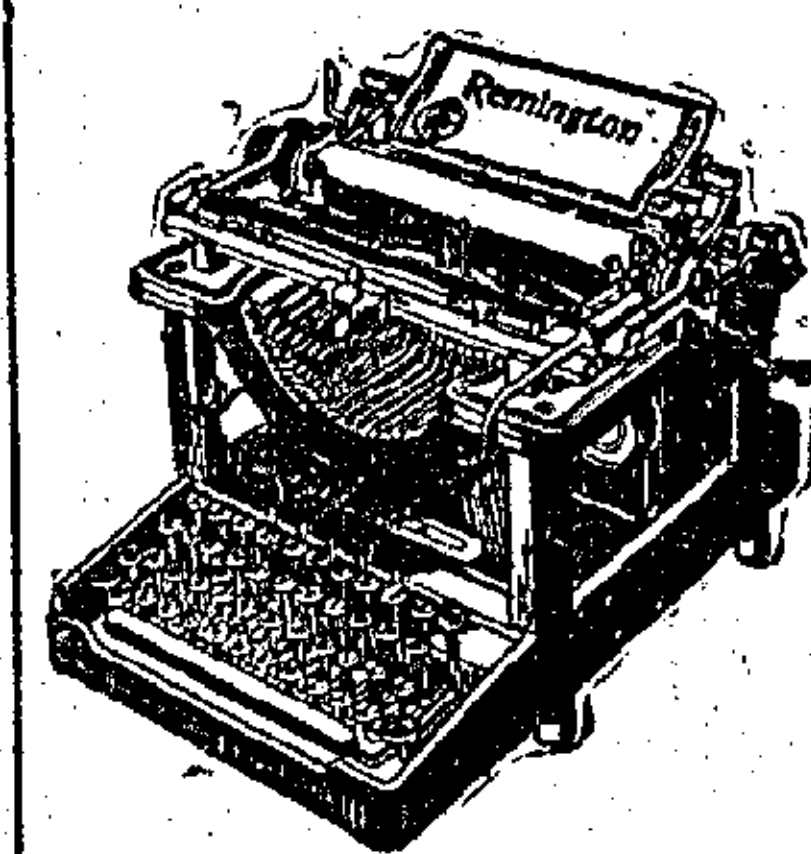
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1 " Gin.	1 " Peppermint, Pint.	1 " Peppermint, Pint.
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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

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CHINHA, British str., 1,348, Benson, 15th December—Shanghai 12th December, Nil.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHILHI, British str., 1,143, McGarity, 16th December—Wuhu 10th December, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,702, N. Tjorth, 14th December—Sourabaya 4th December, Sugar.—Asgard, Thoresen & Co.
CHIKO MARU, Japanese str., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 16th December—San Francisco 15th November, General.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
CLAUDHUS AULAGNON, Russian str., 2,375, P. Kroger, 13th December—Odessa 27th December, General.—Order.
ERVIKEN, Norwegian str., 1,140, Augensen, 14th December—Port Arthur 8th December, Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
HAIRMAN, British str., 615, A. W. Evans, 13th December—Swatow 12th December, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HALDIS, Norwegian str., 1,065, J. Jorgensen, 10th December—Sourabaya 29th November, Sugar.—Order.
HANGSANG, British str., 1,350, S. Wilde, 14th December—Shanghai 12th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HEIMDAL, Norwegian str., 979, J. A. Johnson, 14th December—Haiphong 12th December, Stone.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
HOPKINS, British str., 1,350, T. M. Hay, 13th December—Java 3rd December, Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
KAIJI MARU, Japanese str., 1,283, Y. Yamamoto, 14th December—Swatow 13th December, General.—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
KANCHOW, British str., 1,217, Monkman, 12th December—Swatow 12th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KIKO MARU, Japanese str., 16th December—Manila 13th December, General.—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
KUEICHOV, British str., 1,205, Cole, 12th December—Tientsin 5th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
KUROST, Russian str., 2,000, Padalka, 11th December—Vladivostok 2nd December, General.—Russian Volunteer Fleet.
KUTSANG, British str., 3,100, R. C. D. Bradley, 10th December—Singapore 4th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LANDRAIT SCHIFF, German str., 1,062, Bruget, 15th December—Bangkok 4th December, Rice.—Chinese.
LORSAK, British str., 973, Bowker, 16th December—Shanghai 12th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MEXICAN MARU, British str., 1,933, J. C. Young, 15th December—Balik Papan 8th December, Bulk Oil.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, A. C. A. Cornick, 16th December—Sandakan 10th December, Timber and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NAMRANG, British str., 4,025, H. E. Gilroy, 14th December—Japan 9th December, Coal and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NISSIM MARU, Japanese str., 2,351, R. Minagawa, 9th December—Wakamatsu 3rd December, Coal.—Order.
PAKAT, German str., 1,018, Wenzel, 15th December—Hongkong 12th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SABINE RICKMERS, Dutch str., 673, Vries, 14th December—Amoy 12th December, Ballast.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
SIKIAN, French str., 615, E. de Catalano, 15th December—Haiphong 14th December, General.—Messageries Maritimes.
TANGO MARU, Japanese str., 4,627, K. Kawara, 16th December—Shanghai 13th December, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
TIENTSIN, British str., 1,128, Robertson, 14th December—Swatow 13th December, Ballast.—Butterfield & Swire.
TRIUMPH, German str., 714, Langschwager, 15th December—Hothow 14th December, Rice and General.—Jensen & Co.
TSUGARU, Japanese str., 7,673, Yoshijima, 9th December—Makong 14th November, Nil.—Order.
TUNGWAN, British str., 746, H. Trogger, 15th December—Tientsin 9th December, General.—Chinese.
VARG, Norwegian str., 874, P. Arntsen, 14th December—Swatow 12th December, Ballast.—Order.
WANGSING, British str., 1,170, G. S. Holmwood, 15th December—Chinwantao 9th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YATHING, British str., 1,424, R. Y. Anderson, 10th December—Mojji 5th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., 2,366, T. Sekine, 16th December—Manila 14th December, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YUSHUN, Chinese str., 1,075, E. R. Pratt, 13th December—Shanghai 10th Dec. General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

November 18, British str. *Islander*, Deans, November 16, from Singapore for Christmas Island.
November 20, British str. *Sangola*, from Soerabaya for Australia.
November 21, Dutch str. *Tabanan*, Boon, November 21, from Batavia for Rotterdam.
November 18, Dutch str. *Goentoe*, von Putte, October 18, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
November 24, British str. *Islander*, Deans, November 22, from Christmas Island for Singapore.
November 27, British str. *Ayesha*, Condy, November 21, from Batavia for Cocos Island.
November 27, British str. *Comet*, Davis, November 9, from Hongkong for New York.
November 28, Dutch str. *Kangean*, Veenhoven, November 28, from Tjilatjap for Batavia.

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Per *Rubi*, for Manila, Mr. J. P. and Mrs. Eveland, Miss Hunsdon, Mr. K. Uchihaachi, Mrs. Ichi Matsumoto, Mr. A. M. Clydesdale, Miss M. E. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith and child, Mr. Vignati Pietro, Mr. and Mrs. Ayvalde and 2 children, Mrs. P. Staurung and child, Mrs. A. M. Green, Mr. W. K. Hotchkiss, Mr. K. Ichitaro, Mr. M. Lopez, Mr. D. Pabellano, Mr. M. Oza, Mr. J. P. and Mrs. J. P.

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ARRIVALS.

TEICHING, Chinese str., 908, A. A. Crawford, 17th December—Chefoo 11th December, General—Chinese.

KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,076, M. Winckler, 17th December—Yokohama 7th December, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

KWANGTAN, Chinese str., 1,536, Chas. Stewart, 16th December—Shanghai 13th December, General—Chinese.

KWANGSANG, British str., 17th December—Canton.

OPLAND, Norwegian str., 749, Erickson, 16th December—Fochow 14th December, Case Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

SUISANG, British str., 1,700, S. J. Payne, 16th December—Java 5th December, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TAISHUN, Chinese str., 17th December—Canton.

VLADIMIR, Russian str., 3,197, Kamichansky, 17th December—Odessa 15th December, General—Russian Volunteer Fleet.

YUENSANG, British str., 1,193, P. H. Rolfe, 17th December—Manila 14th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
December 17th.

LIENSUNG, British str., for Swatow.
MACHING, German str., for Hoihow.
LANDIAT SCHIFF, German str., for S'ow.
FRITHOF, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
SARLES RICHMOND, Dutch str., for Swatow.
TANGU MARU, Japanese str., for London.
LOVAT, British str., for Shanghai.
KALJO MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
KWANGSANG, British str., for Swatow.
WAISHING, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 17th.

CHIBLI, British str., for Canton.
FAUSANG, British str., for Singapore.
HAICHING, British str., for Swatow.
HALDIS, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
HONGKONG, British str., for Canton.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
KWANGTAN, Chinese str., for Canton.
LORSANG, British str., for Canton.
MANGCHIA, American str., for Shanghai.
PEMBROKESHIRE, British str., for S'hai.
RUBI, American str., for Manila.
TAMING, British str., for Manila.
TUONAN, Chinese str., for Swatow.
TILPASAS, Dutch str., for Swatow.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Fuensang* reports: Moderate to fresh breeze and moderate sea with occasional rain.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The U.P.M. str. *Monteagle* arrived at Shanghai on the 16th December, at 8.30 p.m., and left again at noon on the 17th December for Moji, where she is due to arrive on the 18th December, at 6 a.m.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th December, and is due here on the 31st December.

The P.M. str. *Nile* left Yokohama for the usual Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila on the 12th December, between 10 a.m. and noon.

The T.K.K. str. *Tengo Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 13th December, and may be expected here on the 9th January.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.M.G. str. *Colleen* left Sydney on the 14th December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The U.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki on the 17th December, at 8.30 a.m., and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive on the 18th December, at 7 p.m.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. *Delta* left Singapore for this port on the 14th December, at 6 p.m., and is due here on the 20th December, about 6 a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Rangoon Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th December, and is expected here on the 18th December.

The N.K.Y. str. *Mishima Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 12th December, and is expected here on the 18th December.

The H.A.L. str. *Armenia* left Singapore on the 14th December, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 20th December, a.m.

The "Ben" Line str. *Benbow*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 12th inst. for this port.

The str. *Dilwara*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 15th December, and may be expected here on or about the 20th December, p.m.

The O.S.K. str. *Tacoma Maru* from Tacoma arrived at Manila on the 15th December, and will leave again for this port on the 18th December, and is due here on the 21st December, a.m.

The str. *Kansas* passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* arrives at Honolulu from Manzanilla on the 13th December, and is due in Hongkong on the 18th January.

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Indramayo, from New York, is due in Hongkong 23rd December.

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LONDON & ANTWERP.	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	1	J. Bortfeldt	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	STICLIA	Brit. str.	1	C. H. Watkins, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG & C.	BRASLIA	Ger. str.	1	Jäger	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 9th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG & C.	FURST BUELOW	Ger. str.	1	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 23rd Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG & C.	ALBISIA	Ger. str.	1	Buch	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG & C.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	1	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG & C.	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	1	Lübcke	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG & C.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	1	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	1	T. Hamada	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at D'light.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN & C.	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	1	R. Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at 2 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & C.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	1		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA, & C.	OKLEY	Brit. str.	1	J. Kanoo	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	End of Dec.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA KEELUNG & C.	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	1	J. Bortfeldt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at 2 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON	LUETZOW	Ger. str.	1		MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst., at 10 A.M.
TRIESTE, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, & C.	AFRICA	Am. str.	1		SANDER, WIELE & CO.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.
TRIESTE, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, & C.	PERLA	Am. str.	1		SANDER, WIELE & CO.	About 31st inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.	SCHUYLKILL	Am. str.	1		THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.	SWAZI	Am. str.	1		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 9th Jan.
BOSTON & NEW YORK.	EVERMONT CASTLE	Brit. str.	1		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 21st inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, & C.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, & C.	MONTRAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. W. Greaves	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 8th Mar., at 7 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, & C.	CHRYO MARU	Jap. str.	1		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 21st inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, & C.	NILE	Am. str.	1		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, & C.	MONGOLIA	Am. str.	1		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS.	CANTON	Swed. str.	1		ANTWERP-NILSON & CO.	On 15th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	M. Winckler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	1	H. Bremer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA.	ST. ADAMS	Brit. str.	1		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 4th Jan., at 9 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Finlayson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
CAPESPORTS VIA MAURITIUS.	DUNEDIN	Brit. str.	1	Tulloch	THE BANK LINE LIMITED	Beginning of January.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	1	Logan	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	YUWAZETSU	Am. str.	1		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE VIA SHANGHAI.	MISHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	1		SANDER, WIELE & CO.	About 30th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	ABRATON APCAR	Ger. str.	1	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	1	E. P. Thomson	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 30th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	1	L. Klugkist	MELCHERS & CO.	About 7th Jan.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE.	TUTZAROM	Dut. str.	1	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	AMAZONS	Fren. str.	1	Girard	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE.	RANGON MARU	Jap. str.	1	Kamachita	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	1		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-day.
SHANGHAI.	CHINHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 18th inst.
SHANGHAI.	DEITA	Brit. str.	1	E. P. Martin, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI.	LIANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Holmwood	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI.	WAISHING	Brit. str.	1		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 22nd inst., at M'night.
SHANGHAI.	LOKSANG	Brit. str.	1		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 22nd inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	LOKSANG	Ger. str.	1	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	BAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	1	H. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI.	DIWABA	Brit. str.	1	W. J. Bishop	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 24th inst.
SHANGHAI.	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	SUNDA	Brit. str.	1	C. E. Irving, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	1	F. von Dinger	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
SHANGHAI.	KORREBE	Am. str.	1		SANDER, WIELE & CO.	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
SHANGHAI.	TUKINI	Dut. str.	1	Y. Yamamoto	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	KIJO MARU	Jap. str.	1	K. Tashira	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 10 A.M.
AMPOING & TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	SOBU MARU	Jap. str.	1	T. Fuchigami	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 8 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	1	F. Robertson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI.	KUKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LIPPAK & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LIPPAK & CO.	On 24th inst., at D'light.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	HAITANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LIPPAK & CO.	On 27th inst., at D'light.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 21st inst., at 2 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	1	Cress	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU.	CAPIBO	Am. str.	1 m.	Foreyeth	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.	KUONGHONG	Brit. str.	1	Leask	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 28th inst., at 2 P.M.
MANILA.	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	1		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, & C.	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	1	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	1	R. T. Anderson	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.	YATSHING	Brit. str.	1	G. M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 24th inst., at 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.	NAMANG	Brit. str.	1	S. M. B. Lake	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 27th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.	TRONGWA	Brit. str.	1	Kawashima	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.	COLOMBO MARU	Jap. str.	1	Cornock	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN.	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	1	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst., at 10 A.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN.	BORNEO	Ger. str.	1	J. D. Milne	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 9 A.M.
HAIPHONG.	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1	E. de Catalano	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-day, at 9 A.M.
KWANG CHOW WANG & HAIPHONG.	SI-KIANG	Fren. str.	1			

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LONDON & ANTWERP	"DENBIGHSHIRE"	About 24th Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CARMARTHENSHIRE"	About 14th Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	"MONMOUTHSHIRE"	About 18th Jan.
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"YATSHING"	Friday, 20th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 21st Dec., 2 P.M.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LOKSANG"	Sunday, 22nd Dec., D'light.
SHANGHAI	"WAISHING"	Sunday, 22nd Dec., D'light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMANG"	Tuesday, 24th Dec., 2 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Tuesday, 24th Dec., 2 P.M.

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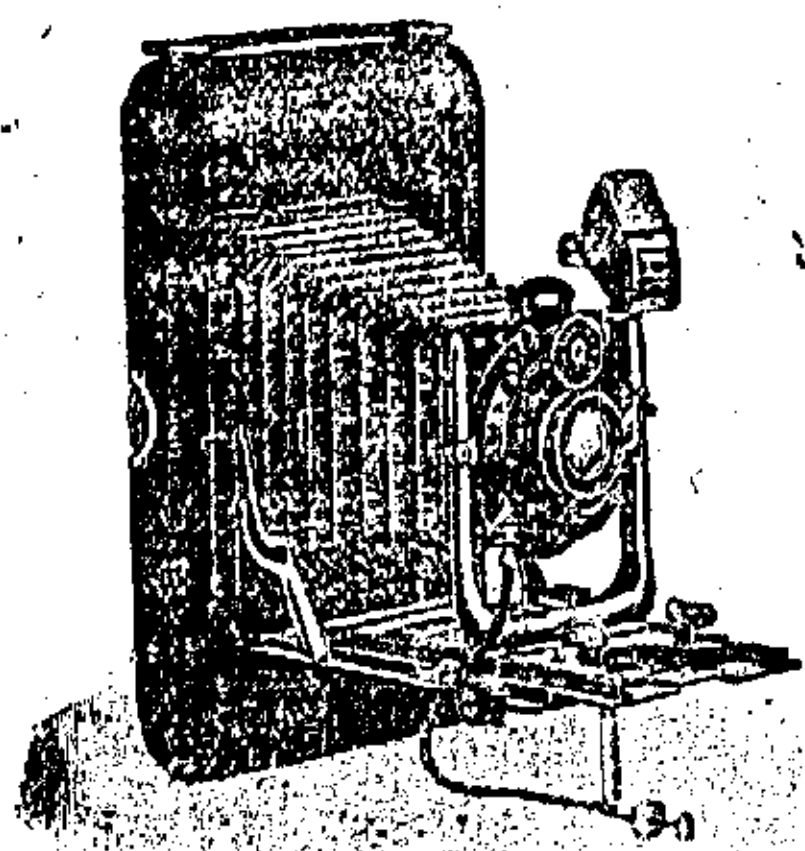
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The parcels by the incoming English Mail *Delta* due here on Friday next will not be ready for delivery to the Public until 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st inst.

The s.s. *Ernest Simons* has been delayed and is not expected to arrive here from Shanghai before the 26th inst.

The *Amazon*, with the French Mail, left Saigon on Sunday, the 15th instant, at 5.30 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here to-day.

The *Andus* is expected to arrive here to-day, with the London Mail (via Siberia) of Wednesday, the 27th ultimo.

The *Delta*, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 14th instant, at 6 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Friday, the 20th instant, at 6 a.m. This packet brings the Parcel Mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 13th November, and for despatch overland on the 19th November.

The *Asia Maru* is expected to arrive here on Sunday, the 22nd inst., with the American Mail *ex Nite*.

FOR	PER	DATE
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon ...	<i>Si-Kiang</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	<i>Rajo Maru</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China ...	<i>Kiukiang</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Japan via Nagasaki ...	<i>Yavata Maru</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao ...	<i>Sui Tai</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, AND JAPAN via KOREA (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...	<i>Amazon</i> ...	Wednesday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.
Samarang ...	<i>Childar</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao ...	<i>Sui Tai</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ...	<i>Chinhe</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 4.00 P.M.
Straits and Ceylon ...	<i>Africa</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.
Japan via Yokohama ...	<i>Upda</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	<i>Haitan</i> ...	Thursday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island, Straits, and India via Calcutta ...	<i>Kumano Maru</i> ...	Friday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao ...	<i>Yatshing</i> ...	Friday, 20th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...	<i>Sui Tai</i> ...	Friday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar ...	<i>Delta</i> ...	Friday, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
	<i>Tjilatjap</i> ...	Saturday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...

STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via BRINDISI ... (Late Letter 11.00 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 20th instant, at 5 p.m.

Philippine Islands ...	<i>Yuenyang</i> ...	Saturday, 21st, 1.00 P.M.
Macao ...	<i>Sui Tai</i> ...	Saturday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ...	<i>Mausang</i> ...	Saturday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	<i>Liangchow</i> ...	Saturday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong and Pakhoi ...	<i>Haiyang</i> ...	Monday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta ...	<i>Singon</i> ...	Tuesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via NAPLES ...	<i>Namsang</i> ...	Tuesday, 24th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China ...	<i>Lutso</i> ...	Registration ... 5.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands ...	<i>Chenan</i> ...	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
	<i>Kuichow</i> ...	Friday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.

SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES ...

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA and CANADA via VANCOUVER (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA) ...

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 17th.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2-1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	2-1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2-1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2-1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2-1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	2-1/2
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	252
Credit, at 4 months' sight	257
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	212 1/2
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	51 1/2
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154 1/2
Bank, on demand	154 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154 1/2
Bank, on demand	154 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
On demand	100 1/2
ON MANILA:—	
On demand	101 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	88 1/2
ON ATAMIA:—	
On demand	124 1/2
ON AI PHONG:—	
On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON:—	
On demand	133 1/2
ON BANGKOK:—	
On demand	133 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$9.60
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$50.40
BAZ S L. W. per oz.	25 1/2

CURSORY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents piece	\$6.43 discount
Chinese	10	\$6.95
Hongkong	20	\$4.00
Hongkong	10	\$6.05

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London	Due	Shanghai
November 29th.	December 14th.	
November 30th.	December 16th.	

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 17TH DECEMBER, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$820
China Bank Corporation, Limited	50,000	\$12	all	\$9 1/2 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$2 1/2 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$9 buyers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 130
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$21 1/2 buyers
DOCK AND WHARF.—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$79 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$59 sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	all	\$5 1/2
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 48 1/2
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 103
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$25 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$115
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$73
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$84
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$200
Hongkong South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$19 sal. & buy.
INSURANCE.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	all	\$267 1/2 buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$145 buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$33.33	all	\$25 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	all	\$375 buyers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$25	all	Tls. 133
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	all	\$820 sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$192 @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$105
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$36 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 90
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$57 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Besc. on Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gld. 10	all	Tls. 72 1/2 x div. buy.
MINE.—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$21	all	35/-
Trompsburg Mining, Limited	100,000	\$21	all	\$80 1/2 buyers
Harwood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	22,000	\$21	all	4/- buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$21	all	\$3.90 buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2 buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$1
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$108 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$34 1/2
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$5 buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$33 sales
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$28 1/2 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$88 (L'don \$8 10/-)
Shall Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000 def.	\$1	all	110/-
Singapore Steamship Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$38 sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$4 1/2
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$53 buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$34 buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$5.90 buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$17 buyers
Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$6
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	\$50	all	\$30 sellers
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ord.	\$10	all	\$4 \$9 1/2 sellers
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Saturday, 21st Dec.—

9 p.m.—Performance by Local Amateurs of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband," at the Theatre Royal.

Monday, 23rd Dec.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, by Public Works Dept.

Friday, 27th Dec.—

9.15 p.m.—Farris Hartman at Theatre Royal.

Saturday, 28th Dec.—

9.15 p.m.—Farris Hartman at Theatre Royal.

Monday, 30th Dec.—

9.15 p.m.—Farris Hartman at Theatre Royal.

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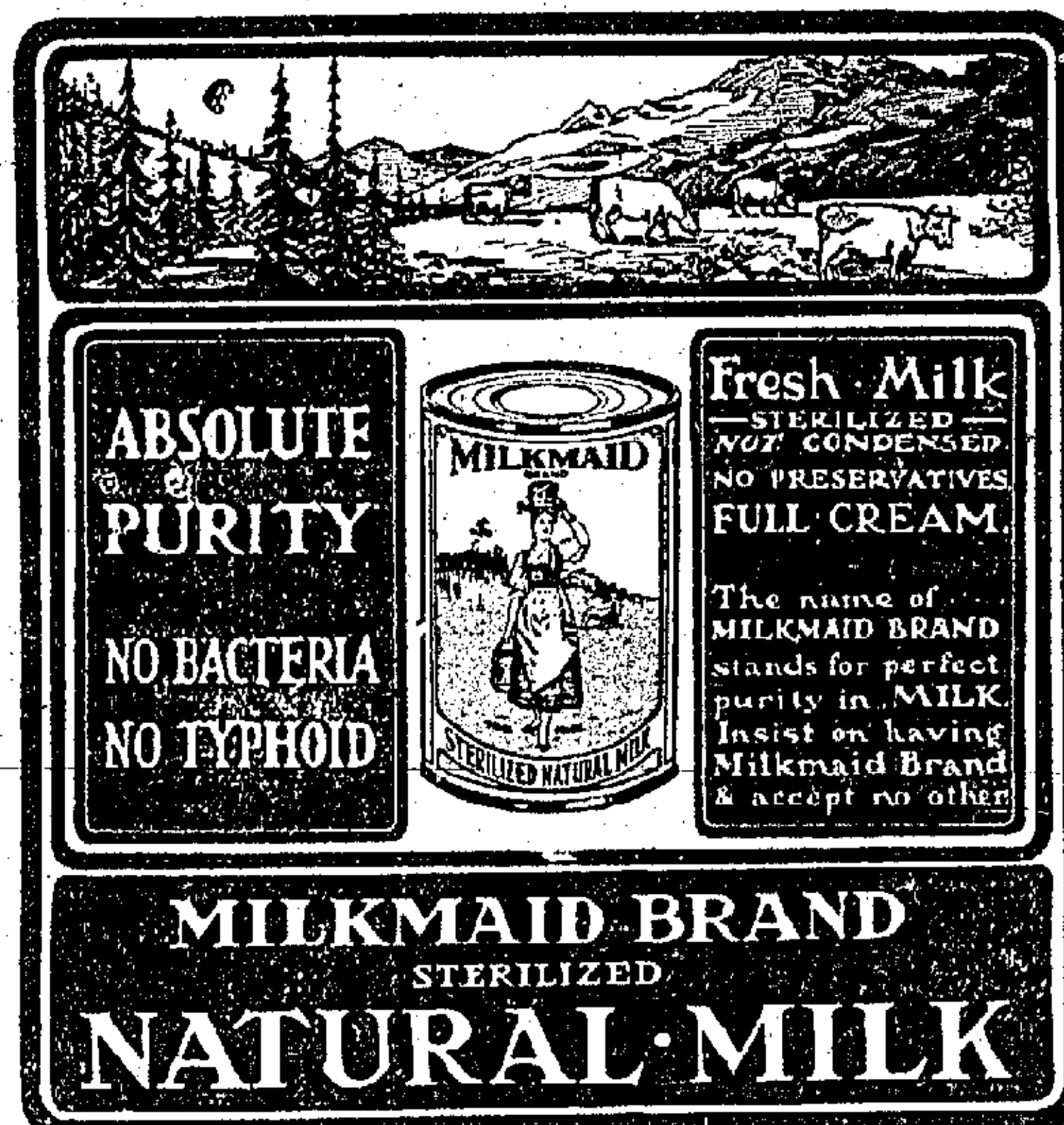
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